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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

September 10, 2001

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

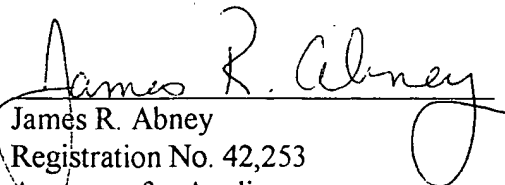
**FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR
RESPONDING TO THE NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
DATED JULY 2, 2001**

It is respectfully requested that the period for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated July 2, 2001 now set to expire on September 2, 2001 be extended an additional one month so as to expire on October 2, 2001, making a total response time of 3 months.

Enclosed is our check in the total amount of \$1,252.00 for payment of the filing fees (\$1,092.00), the missing parts surcharge (\$65.00), the assignment recordation fee (\$40.00), and the one-month extension fee (\$55.00). Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1540. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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